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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on October 29, 2001, and having an original period for response of 1 month, which was set to expire on November 29, 2001, be extended by 4 month(s), such that it expires on March 29, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$1,440.00 as provided for under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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